

## CITY COUNCIL.

A regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council was held last night.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Immediately after the reading of the minutes the clerk read the amended joint rules, as passed by the Common Council, and they were adopted.

Several bills for election services, &c., received from the Common Council, were ordered to be paid.

A resolution for the purchase of another garbage cart, passed by the Common Council, was opposed by Mr. Moore and Dr. Johnson, and non-concurred in.

The petition of R. Portner and others, in reference to the bridges on Puddleton and St. Asaph streets, referred to the Committee on Streets with power to act, was opposed by Dr. Johnson on the ground that committees had not and should not have such power.

Dr. French favored the passage of the resolution without amendment.

Dr. Johnson moved to strike out "with power to act" and insert "with power to report," which was lost, and the resolution then adopted.

A list of property owned by the city was received from the Auditor, and the action of the Common Council referring it to the Committee on Public Property with instructions to report whether it is expedient to sell any of said property, was concurred in.

Several bills reported from the Committee on the Poor were ordered to be paid.

A bill making an appropriation of \$1,450 to the School Board in advance, in order to finish certain repairs to the new school building, was explained by Dr. Johnson.

Dr. French signified his opposition to the bill on the ground that the city treasury might not be in a condition to meet the demand.

The question was then taken upon the passage of the bill, and it was passed, only one vote in the negative.

Dr. Johnson introduced a bill for grading St. Asaph street northward to First street, which was passed—ayes, 6; no, Mr. Lyles.

Dr. Johnson rose to state that he would not carry any message to the other Board.

Whereupon the President requested Mr. Smoot to carry the bill; passed, over, which he did.

Dr. Johnson said in further explanation that the joint resolutions amounted to nothing, and that the convenience of members ought to be consulted.

A resolution authorizing the purchase of a safe for the Auditor's office was, on motion of Dr. Johnson, amended by instructing the Finance Committee to ascertain the cost of such safe.

Dr. Johnson introduced resolutions authorizing the Mayor to affix the seal of the Corporation to an endorsement by the City Council of the officers of the British Settler's Association, which he advocated, suggesting an appropriation to aid the scheme of the association, so far as the introduction of immigrants with capital is concerned.

The resolutions were adopted.

A resolution for a recess till the fourth Tuesday in September, received from the Common Council, was concurred in.

A communication from the Board of Health, declaring certain alleys and lots nuisances, and recommending that the said alleys be paved and the lots filled up, was received from the Common Council with a recommendation that the said nuisances be remedied under the direction of the Superintendent of Police.

Dr. Johnson opposed the recommendation, and moved the communication be referred to the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Moore moved to amend by authorizing the Superintendent of Police, in conjunction with the Committee on Streets, to have the alleys put in proper sanitary condition.

Dr. Johnson said that the Superintendent of Police was only a scavenger, but that his official duties had been confounded and distorted.

The President offered an amendment looking to the filling up of the lot between Oroquo and Princess and Royal and Pitt streets.

Dr. Johnson contended that the city had no power to force a citizen to fill up the lot.

Mr. Lawson thought the whole difficulty could be obviated by proper drainage.

The President withdrew his amendment.

Dr. Johnson then moved to refer the whole question to the surveyor.

Pending consideration a messenger was received from the Common Council, inviting the Board into joint session, which elicited from Dr. Johnson a severe animadversion upon the conduct of the Common Council in reference to the election of the city officers, in which he said that better Councilmen should be elected; the elections made revoked, offices and salaries cut down, &c., &c.

The invitation, on motion of Mr. Lawson, was accepted, and the Board proceeded into the chamber of the Common Council to elect the remaining city officers.

After a short absence the members returned to their chamber, and the resolution in relation to alleys and lots was laid on the table, and the substitute of Dr. Johnson in reference to the drainage of Pitt street, referring it to the city Surveyor, was adopted.

The resolution in reference to a safe for the Auditor's office, was returned from the Common Council, that body adhering to its action.

Dr. Johnson insisted upon the Board adhering to its action, and a vote being taken, it was so decided.

A request for a committee of conference on a new garbage cart, asked for by the Common Council, was laid on the table.

A petition asking that the sidewalks on Fairfax street, between Queen and Princess be repaired, was read, when

Mr. Smoot moved to refer it to the Board of Public Works.

Dr. Johnson seconded the resolution.

Mr. Moore was in favor of its going to the Committee on Streets.

The question was taken and the petition referred to the Board of Public Works.

Dr. Johnson introduced a resolution ordering \$5,500, appropriated by the last City Council for repairs to streets, to be placed to the credit of the Board of Public Works, and read a speech in favor of the order and in advocacy of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Smoot moved that the subject lie over, which motion prevailed.

The Board then adjourned.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

The session of the Common Council, last night, was marked by a considerable amount of business transacted without debate.

Mr. Hopkins introduced a resolution advancing, at this time, to the City School Board the \$1,450 which will be due for school tax in May or June next. He explained that the School Board had exhausted their funds in the cash payment for the new Peabody building, and would need funds to repair and remodel it. By the close of the year they would be in funds.

Mr. Eichburg opposed the advance. The Finance Committee could only pay as they went along and if Council agreed to advance this money the committee would have to borrow the money at 10 or 12 per cent. Why could not the School Board borrow?

Mr. Hopkins said that the School Board had asked the city for very little, comparatively, for the public schools. They had bought a magnificent building for \$14,000, and had not, nor did not intend to ask the city for a cent to pay for it, and he thought that a little favor like an advance of this kind was as little as the city could do.

The resolution being amended by inserting March and April instead of May and June, Mr. Eichburg withdrew his objection.

The other business was transacted without debate.

At 9:30 the Aldermen were invited into the Council chamber, and the Boards united in JOINT CONVENTION.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for Keeper of the Poor's House, John Stephenson and John Arnold being in nomination. The first ballot resulted as follows: Stephenson 12, Arnold 8.

2d ballot—Stephenson 10, Arnold 9.

3d ballot—Stephenson 12, Arnold 8.

4th ballot—Stephenson 12, Arnold 8.

Failing to effect an election the Joint Convention dissolved, and the Board adjourned.

## LOCAL NEWS.

WOODLAWN SOCIETY.—At the last meeting of the Woodlawn Agricultural Society the opinion of the members was that the Colorado potato bug could not be destroyed except by poison, scalding, mashing, or by enticing fowls and birds to eat them, and that gardeners should watch for the first appearance of the pest and destroy them. Wherever a bug is found examine the underside of the leaves of the vines, and if the yellow eggs are seen they are easily destroyed. If the potato fields are gone over early in the morning, when the vines are small, one man, it was said, can clear an acre in one or two hours; a repetition of this twice a week, until the vines are so large that the bugs will not eat them, will keep them in check. If the field has been neglected until the bugs have become very numerous, the most economical and efficient mode is to use Paris green to poison them. It was generally reported that a cabbage half a crop of potatoes would be made this year. To improve lands it was recommended to keep all the stock possible, carefully save and apply all manures that can be made on the farm, plow no more than can be well fertilized, work the ground often, pulverize thoroughly, and do not turn the top soil under too deep. Where there is an insufficiency of home-made manures sow clover, and apply some guano or other fertilizer to start it growing. When fully grown, turn under and give a coating of lime; after this, to keep up the fertility use ground bone. It was the expressed determination to sustain the present fence law by all lawful endeavors. It was also resolved that the club enjoin all overseers of roads in Mount Vernon township to collect and apply all taxes for road purposes, and if that is insufficient to make good roads, "we are in favor of having our road taxes doubled." The next annual meeting of the society will be held on the 10th proximo at the house of Thos. Walsh, where a picnic, to which the Annapolis Farmers' Club have been invited, will be held by the members of the society and their families.

POLICE REPORT.—The following cases have been reported at police headquarters since yesterday:

Samuel H. H. Flower, charged with cursing and abusing a colored man named John Field, at the cobbler's shop of Gus. Lumpkins, also colored, was fined and discharged, and as Field swore he stood in bodily fear of him he was bound over to keep the peace.

R. R. Hill, colored, for disorderly conduct at Adams Express office, was fined and discharged.

Christina Wells, for abusing Ceola Jackson, black colored, was fined and discharged.

Ceola Keys, colored, for disorderly conduct, was in default of the payment of the imposed fine, sent to jail for thirty days.

Wm. Perrin, committed to jail some days ago while laboring under temporary aberration of mind, the effect of sickness, was discharged as he had entirely recovered.

Chas. Haskins fined \$20 yesterday on complaint of his wife, for adultery with Jane Essex, also colored, was committed to jail to work on the chain gang, as he failed to pay the fine.

O'Grain Burnighan, charged with a murderous assault upon Robert Shrobrock, near Rosslyn, in this county, last Saturday night, and who was taken out of jail here yesterday afternoon and carried to Arlington for examination by Justice Austin, was brought back last night and recommitted as the examination had to be postponed until next Saturday afternoon in consequence of the absence of the watchman at the Aqueduct bridge, a principal witness.

Three lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

DENIAL.—Lieut. Strong, commanding Fort Whipple, authorizes a denial of the statement that he intended to interfere with the duties of the Justices of the Peace of Alexandria county with reference to their jurisdiction over violations of law by persons living on the Arlington estate. At the time the announcement was made in Mount Zion Church by a colored preacher named Laws that it was the Lieutenant's intention to interfere no credit was placed on the statement, although he represented to the congregation that he spoke by authority of the Lieutenant.

EXCURSION.—The excursion for the benefit of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company to Marshall Hall, to-morrow night, promises to be a most agreeable affair. The Holly Hill band-string and brass-band has been engaged for the occasion and in addition to the delightful trip down the Potomac by moonlight; those who desire can spend a joyous evening at the pavilion, where there will be dancing. The arrangements made prevent anything of a disagreeable character.

COUNTY COURT.—The August monthly term of the County Court for this county, Judge Sangster to preside, will commence on Monday next. The term will probably continue only one day and will be occupied with the consideration of applications for roads and in hearing motions.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.—Judge Robt. W. Hughes presiding.—In this court, to-day, the argument in the case of Turnbull & Co. vs. Thomas was continued by Messrs. H. O. Clough and F. L. Smith.

## CAMP MEETINGS.

A CAMP MEETING will be held in Fairfax county, THURSDAY, August 13th, by the M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, in the GIBSON WOODS, 24 miles from Vienna Station, on the Leesburg and Alexandria Turnpike, an old camping ground, well watered and shaded, 10 miles from the District of Columbia, and 13 from Alexandria. All camping accommodations for the public.

THE CAMP MEETING NEAR THORNTON'S STATION, on the R. & O. R. R., will begin on FRIDAY, July 31st, and continue one week. On SUNDAY an EXTRA TRAIN will leave Alexandria at 8:30 a. m. for the Camp Grounds. Returning, will leave Thornton's at 5 p. m. Fare for round trip 55c.

R. H. HAVENER, G. T. A.

[Alexandria Branch.]

FREEDMEN'S SAVINGS AND TRUST CO., ALEXANDRIA, VA., July 28, 1874.

DEPOSITORS in the above Company are respectfully requested to bring or send their pass books to this office of the Company at the earliest practicable moment that they may be verified and properly balanced.

By order of the Commissioners:

A. L. L. COOK, Agent for Comm'rs. of F. S. & T. Co., Washington, D. C.

IN STORE.

10 TIERCES HAMS—Davis', 8 lb average, and Banner brand, 10 lbs. Also a lot four years old.

10 tierces Refined Lard.

5 hhds Sides.

5 hhds Shoulders. For sale by

R. M. LAWSON.

BASS' STRONG ALE, McEwen's Ale, Hubert's Brown Stout and Porter, St. Julien Claret, Beck's Wines, Durand's Olive Oil, Worcestershire Sauce, English Pickles, Sardines, &c., kept by

R. M. LAWSON.

## LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Those who daily traverse south Washington street were greatly surprised this morning when they saw standing upright in a pile of street cleanings that had been deposited in the middle of the street opposite the Lancasterian School House, a tall stalk of the sun flower plant with seven full grown flowers thereon. As the sun was shining the city was at a loss about the direction they should look. But the surprise was caused by the rapidity of the growth, as no flower was growing there last night.

The death of a colored woman from cholera morbus on Monday night was mentioned in yesterday's Gazette. Her name was Jane Anderson and she lived in the alley back of the "six-buildings" on Prince street. She was perfectly well and attended a funeral in the afternoon of Monday, but died that night.

The salvage upon the cargo of the schooner F. M. Bradshaw, heretofore reported as arrived from Wilmington, having been ashore at Cherry Stone, amounts to about two hundred and forty dollars. The damage to the cargo—guano—will probably be one thousand dollars.

Dr. Gibson and Messrs. John West and Geo. E. French, commissioners appointed by the court to inspect the jail, performed that duty this morning, and recommended many repairs to the building—some of which they had recommended two years ago.

Mr. Chas. Moore, son of Mr. W. S. Moore, has almost completed the machinery for steam launch, the wood work of which he purchased a short time since. The engine is of four-horse power and is a very pretty piece of workmanship.

A colored woman named Ceila Keys, while crazy with liquor, tried to be run over by the cars and locomotive at the Fairfax-street depot, yesterday afternoon, and decended herself in her frantic efforts to get away from the police.

The provision boat of Captain Bagley, while lying at one of the Fishtown wharves yesterday, and during the temporary absence of the captain, was robbed of some of the vegetables and fruits it contained.

Among the freight brought up from Norfolk by the steamer Lady of the Lake this morning and landed here were a large number of watermelons and cantaloupes and full supplies of fruits and vegetables.

The new members of the police force were qualifying to-day by giving bond according to law in the sum of \$200. They will be mustered into service at noon on Friday at the station house.

The bids for repairing the Relief Engine House were not opened at noon to-day in consequence of the want of a quorum at a meeting of the City Council Committee on Public Property.

Attacks made by rats upon sleeping infants are of frequent occurrence, but it is a rare thing for a rat to attack a full grown man and bite him severely on the leg while he is asleep, and yet it was done in this city last night.

The Superintendent of Schools has, as yet, received no applications for the vacant scholarships in the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Blacksburg. The appointments, if made at all, must be made by the 31st.

A match game of base ball was played here yesterday afternoon between the Independents and a picked nine composed of players from this city, Washington and Harrisburg, and was won by the former—the score being 20 to 1.

The steamer Virginia, Captain Spotswood, of the Virginia Navy, sunk suddenly while lying at a wharf in Norfolk bay yesterday.

It was John Magruder, and not Frank Bryant, as heretofore reported, who was before Justice Radgett yesterday charged with embezzling money.

It will be seen by reference to the proceedings of the meeting of the City Council, held last night, that that body has taken its usual summer recess.

From the book and periodical store of Mr. G. E. French, we have to-day King's Cope, a new novel published by Loring, of Boston, and highly spoken of by the critics.

There was a fine rain last night and a drizzle this morning, but the parched fields and gardens still cry for more.

Five sturgeon and a load of watermelons were the receipts at Fishtown to-day. The sturgeon sold at \$2 a piece.

## EXCURSIONS.

ANNUAL EXCURSION of the ALEXANDRIA CATHOLIC BENEFICIAL SOCIETY.

TO GLENTON, ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10th, 1874.

The steamer PILOT BOY has been chartered, and will leave Reed's wharf at 8 a. m., and 1:30 and 7:30 p. m.

COOK'S CELEBRATED STRING BAND has been engaged for the occasion.

The Committee pledge themselves to make this excursion one of the best given this season.

Floor Managers.

Richard M. Latham, John T. Hill, M. H. Nash, J. Marriott Hill.

Committee of Arrangements.

John T. Hill, John P. Rice, P. F. Gorman, M. H. Nash, J. Walter Cole, R. M. Latham.

Tickets—Gentlemen and lady \$1; lady 50c; children 25c.

The Committee reserve the right to eject any improper or disorderly persons.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION TO MARSHALL HALL.

The Relief Hook and Ladder Co. design giving a Select Moonlight Excursion to Marshall Hall, on THURSDAY EVENING, July 30th, 1874.

The favorite steamer ARROW has been engaged for the occasion, and will make TWO TRIPS: Leaving King street wharf at 8 p. m., she will proceed down the river to Marshall Hall, land all who desire to dance at the pavilion there, and then return to Alexandria with families and others who may prefer to return early.

A fine STRING BAND has been engaged. The committee will spare no pains to make this the excursion of the season, and pledge themselves to make it select and pleasant in every particular.

For tickets for Gent. and Lady, \$1; Ladies' Tickets, 50c. To be had of the committee and at the following stores: Geo. E. French, S. H. Lunt, Janney & Co., Warfield & Hall, and W. Adam & Son.

Master of Ceremonies—Capt. Jas. M. Stewart. Floor Manager—R. M. Latham. Committee—Edgar Warfield, Geo. B. Carlin, Wm. K. Davidson and Chas. J. Perry.

PAINTS AND OILS.—I am constantly receiving Leads and Colors of all kinds; also Raw and Boiled Linseed Oil, and Machine and Lubricating Oils.

W. FRANKLIN CREIGHTON, 85 King street.

BACON choice FAMILY HAMS; also SHOULDER and SIDE BACON, received and for sale by

DAVY & HARMON, 23

SEED POTATOES. 150 bushels WHITE PEACH BLOWS for sale for the occasion, and will make TWO TRIPS: Leaving King street wharf at 8 p. m., she will proceed down the river to Marshall Hall, land all who desire to dance at the pavilion there, and then return to Alexandria with families and others who may prefer to return early.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

## The Beecher-Tilton Case.

NEW YORK, July 29.—In the Argus' report, published yesterday, of the interview with B. F. Carpenter, the following occurred:

Reporter.—Mr. Johnson stated before the committee that Tilton never in conversation with him accused Beecher of criminality. Did Johnson ever intimate to you that Tilton charged criminality?

Mr. Carpenter.—"He has. Johnson and myself, as friends of Tilton, have frequently talked over this matter. I had reason to consider Johnson Mr. Tilton's most intimate friend—next to Moulton. Mr. Johnson and myself often conversed about Tilton with a mutual interest and sympathy for him. Johnson gave me my first absolute conviction that there was something criminally wrong between Beecher and Mrs. Tilton. Johnson directly told me Tilton had charged adultery between Beecher and Mrs. Tilton. This statement was made to me in July, 1873, at the foot of the stairs leading to the office of the Christian Union."

A Tribune reporter called on Oliver Johnson last evening and showed him the statement of Carpenter. Johnson read the statement and the following conversation ensued:

"Do you know anything of Carpenter's connection with the scandal and the time when it began?"

A.—"Yes. It began long before the time he came—May 1873. He came to me about it as early, I think as the latter part of 1871 or the beginning of 1872. He was a volunteer meddler and partisan of Tilton and I heard his gossiping in various quarters on the subject. He says he was first brought actively into the case by Beecher, but he has been actively in it for at least a year, before the time he names and seemed to enjoy nothing else, so much as running about the city talking to people on the subject. He has done more I think than any other man, save Tilton himself, to foster and propagate the scandal and has from the first been a partisan, rather than a true friend of Tilton, constantly lending himself to plans devised by the latter to keep the scandal from dying out."

Q.—"Did you say in testimony before the committee that Tilton had never in conversation with you accused Mr. Tilton of adultery?"

A.—"I did not. I was not interrogated on that point as the official reporter of the testimony must show. I was asked only to say what of Beecher Tilton charged Beecher with in his interview with Bowen, December 26, 1870, and I said he simply charged him on that occasion with having made improper advances to his wife, which she resisted. On other occasions he used language which I understand to imply something worse than this, but I do not remember that he ever used the word 'adultery.' He told me he had forgiven Beecher and sealed his forgiveness with a kiss, and yet now and then he spoke of Beecher to me in the most opprobrious language, calling him more than once a damned scoundrel, evincing frightful bitterness and malignity. He told me so many different and contradictory stories of the offence as to awaken a strong suspicion in my mind at times that he was either crazy or that the scandal had little or no foundation."

## From Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, July 29.—Hon. Hugh McCulloch has been invited by a number of prominent citizens of Cincinnati to deliver an address on finance and taxation at such time as may be convenient.

A villain giving the name of Wm. Watson, from New Jersey, came near being lynched in Warren, Ohio, yesterday for committing a rape on a child six years old.

## Gas Explosion.

COATESVILLE, Pa., July 28.—The shoe factory of Babb, Cox & Co., was shattered by the explosion of gas last night. C. Babb & Son, F. H. Beckel, and H. A. Bersey were badly burned, and a boy, Willie Babb, since dead. A plumber was hunting in the cellar for a leak in the pipe and striking a match caused an explosion.

## Foreign News.

LISBON, July 29.—The Portuguese authorities have taken active measures to prevent violations on the frontier by the Carlists.

LONDON, July 29, 3:30 p. m.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day is £76,000.

## Rain Storm.

BURLINGTON, Vt., July 28.—midnight.—An unprecedented rain storm commenced Sunday and still continues. Four inches have fallen. The telegraph wires in this section are prostrated. No serious damage has as yet been reported.

## Political.

MANSFIELD, Ohio, July 29.—Hon. John Sherman leaves home to-day for a canvassing tour of two or three weeks in Iowa, Kansas, and other States.

Death of an Insurance President.

MENNY, Pa., July 29.—Joseph Bowman, President of the Locomotive Fire Insurance Company died last night, aged 74.

## Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, July 29, 11 a. m. For the Middle and South Atlantic States, light rain will prevail during the day with south or west winds, no decided rise of temperature and falling followed by rising barometer.

## The Markets.

NEW YORK, July 29.—Stocks dull. Money 2. Gold 91. Flour quiet. Wheat quiet and steady. Corn quiet and unchanged.

BALTIMORE, July 29.—Va. sixes, peelers, 33; Va. consolidated 52; do. peelers 46; West Va. 95. Cotton steady; low middlings 15 1/4. Flour steady and dull; prices unchanged.

Wheat active and firmer for Southern and steady for Western; white choice and amber 140 1/4; fair to prime white 125 1/4; good to prime red 130 1/4; common to fair do. 120 1/4; red Western 120 1/4; amber do. 130 1/4; Penna. red 130 1/4. Corn dull; white Southern 90; yellow do. 85; mixed Western 78. Oats mixed and higher; Southern 35 1/4; do. 30 1/4. Hay dull at 21 1/2. Purfisons strong. Coffee nominal and quiet; fair to prime Rio cargoes 20 1/2. Sugar strong at 10 1/4.

## Ague Conqueror.

NE QUININE, ARSENIC OR POISONS. This is strong language, as Physicians and Chemists have for years tried to compound a preparation that would entirely cure Fever and Ague without the use of strong medicine, such as Quinine, Arsenic and other poisons injurious to the system. There is no case of Fever and Ague, Intermittent or Bilious Fevers, Congestive Chills, Night Sweats, Liver Complaints, &c., that this remedy will not cure at once and permanently. It purifies the Blood, Liver, Spleen and all secretory organs so effectually that the Chills will not return during the season, even when persons have had them for years.

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HEINRY COOK & CO.

USE STAYNER'S STICKY FLY PAPER for sale at 107 King st.

FLY PAPER AND INSECT POWDER; also Patent Powder Guns, for the application of the Powder to Beds, &c., just received and for sale by

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.